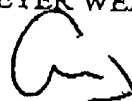


REMARKS

Before examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments. Claims 1- 27 have been cancelled and new claims 28 -50 have been added.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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